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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 April 1992 addressed to you by Mr. Ahmad Hussain, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the increase in violations by the Kuwaiti regime in the demilitarized zone.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
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ANNEX

Letter dated 12 April 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to inform you that there has been a substantial increase in the number of violations by the Kuwaiti regime in the demilitarized zone. About 100 have been committed, as indicated in your report on UNIKOM covering the period 3 October 1991 to 31 March 1992 (document S/23766 of 31 March 1992). These violations are not even mentioned as possible sources of concern or as actions demanding an appropriate response. Nor is the Kuwaiti regime asked to put an end to such violations; the United Nations might have been expected to make such a request in such circumstances.

The silence concerning the increase in violations by the Kuwaiti regime could be interpreted as wilful negligence dictated by certain countries that are well known for exerting pressure on the United Nations for obvious political ends. Those very countries cried out in indignation over the Bubiyan incident when the Kuwaiti regime uttered what were known to be false charges, alleging that Iraqi troops had invaded the island on 28 August 1991. You examined those charges in your report of 3 September 1991 (S/23000), in which you refuted outright the outrageous inventions of the Kuwaiti leaders. The Governments of the Western countries have been quick to repeat, disseminate and magnify the lies uttered by the Kuwaiti leaders. They have tried to turn them into real events and to threaten Iraq, but they have remained unruffled and silent in the face of the actual brutalities described in your above-mentioned report. And now again they say not a word, finding nothing bad to say about these disturbing Kuwaiti violations.

In bringing the above to your notice, we hope and pray that the reports of the Secretariat will follow a single rule of neutrality and objectivity, without favouring either party at the expense of the other.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmad HUSSAIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq